State/UT	SC families benefited
10. Madhya Pradesh	[78,130
11. Maharsahtra	34251
12. Manipar	179**
13. Orissa	41,299
14. Punjab	21,725
15. Rajasthan	42,919
16. Sikkim	667
17. Tamil Nadu	72,157**
18. Tripura	*2,966*
19 Uttar Pradesh	88,821
20. West Bengal	1,04,890
Chandigarh	148
21 22. Delhi	1,882
23. Goa, Daman and Diu	524
24. Pondicherry	967
TOTAL.	7,88,263

Data Provisional. Families assisted upto September, 19S7.

Excludes the population of Assam where census could not be conducted owing. to disturbed conditions prevailing there. As per 1971 census population of Scheduled Castes in *ASSAM was 9,12,557.*

No Castes were scheduled by the President of India for A & N Islands, Nagaland and Lakshadweep.

Remunerative prices to coconut growers

1372. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to etisure that the coconut growers get remunerative prices for their produce;

(b) whether the Coconut Development Board is making purchase direct from the producers; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Government have decided to fix the support price for coconut (copra) on a regular basis.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.